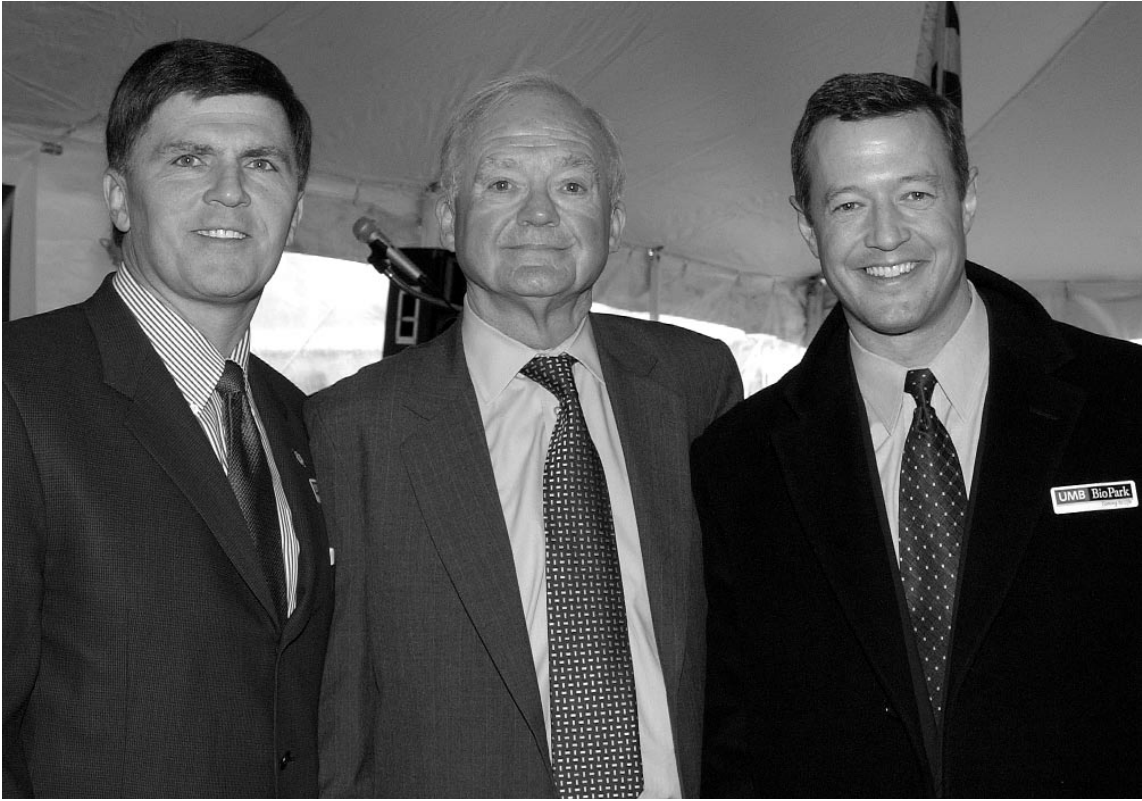




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Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., President David J. Ramsay, and Mayor Martin O'Malley at the groundbreaking.

## UMB BioPark Breaks Ground

ED FISHEL AND MIKE LURIE

Flanked by leaders from the community, government, business, education, and research sectors, officials of the University broke ground Jan. 8 on a new biotechnology development called UMB BioPark. The park is located on 4.7 acres of unoccupied land west of Martin Luther King Boulevard, along the north side of the 800 and 900 blocks of West Baltimore Street. Townsend Capital, LLC, Whiting-Turner Contracting Co., and Banks Contracting Co., Inc., will develop the first building.



Breaking ground at the UMB BioPark ceremony.

UMB plans to incorporate a business incubator and a collaboration center in the complex, which will include room for private life sciences and biopharmaceutical companies.

The BioPark is expected to contain approximately 800,000 square feet of space for research labs, offices, parking, pedestrian walkways, and greenery. The first building, slated for occupancy

by December of this year, will feature 120,000 square feet of office and lab space.

"With more than 100 bio-science companies conducting \$43 million annually in research at UMB, this park will provide a dedicated facility for companies and faculty to collaborate in the commercialization of bioscience innovations," says University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil. "First-class lab and incubator facilities that attract and retain the most entrepreneurial and innovative faculty are a signature of competitive academic research universities."

UMB currently has more than 1,200 researchers studying subjects such as vaccines, the neurosciences, pain management, cancer, and infectious disease. The University received \$324 million for health science research and other extramural activities in Fiscal Year 2003.

The UMB BioPark is being built with the support of the Village Center of Poppleton, the neighborhood's representative association, whose master plan calls for the land to be used as a "medical corridor." The city of Baltimore contributed the land for the park. With the build-out of the BioPark over a 10-year

period, projected benefits include the creation of 3,000 jobs with an estimated salary of \$45,000 annually per job; \$714,000 in municipal fees during construction; and \$70 million in incremental real property assessment resulting in city real property taxes of \$1.4 million before the state Enterprise Zone property tax credit. By year 10, the project should generate \$1.4 million in city taxes.

"The park is a classic example of how a partnership can and should work. It demonstrates four different sectors—the state, the city, the University System, and the private sector—all working together for a common goal," says Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. "The UMB BioPark will provide Baltimore and Maryland with a world-class regional research center that will continue to attract the talent and investment capital required to build on the University's existing scientific research in Baltimore and the surrounding area."

UMB will collaborate with both the Empower Baltimore Management Corp. and the Poppleton community on job training programs for neighborhood residents.

U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., who represents the Poppleton district, spoke passionately at the groundbreaking about how the research park will be a foundation to provide better lives for local residents.

"We build a building today so that we can be in the business of building people," he said.

## Historic Hippodrome Theatre Reopens



The newly renovated Hippodrome Theatre opened on Feb. 10.

LENA FLEMINGER

The historic Hippodrome Theatre celebrated its grand reopening on Feb. 10 with the Baltimore premiere of the Broadway hit "The Producers." The theatre, built in 1914, was donated to the University in 1997. UMB turned the property over to the Hippodrome Foundation, Inc., which partnered with public and private supporters in the building's current restoration. Along with developments such as the new UMB BioPark, the restoration is part of an effort to revitalize Baltimore's west side.

"The Hippodrome project was an opportunity for the University to make a very significant contribution to revitalizing the whole west side and to serve as a catalyst for further development in the area," says James Hill, vice president of administrative services. "The Hippodrome and other projects in the area will be an attractive venue for UMB faculty, staff, and students to live in and visit."

A group of UMB faculty and staff have already purchased a block of tickets for the upcoming season of performances at the Hippodrome, and plan on attending shows together and gathering afterwards to discuss the performances. In addition, the School of Law will work with the theatre to produce public issues forums that are related to some of the performances' themes.

The Hippodrome Theatre is now a division of the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, which stretches the length of Eutaw Street between Baltimore and Fayette streets, and also includes the renovated Western National Bank Building, Eutaw Savings Bank Building, and a building currently under construction at the corner of Baltimore and Eutaw streets.

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In recent years, the Dental School's programs in community outreach and patient care have grown rapidly. Nearly 35,000 patients are treated annually at the School's teaching clinics, and research and clinical trials have nearly tripled in the last decade.

The new Dental School building, scheduled to open in 2005, will enable the faculty and students to do even more. Although the Maryland General Assembly allocated \$22 million in planning and construction funding for the \$114 million project, the School must raise \$20 million to receive the balance in state funds.

To contribute to this important project, visit [www.giving.umaryland.edu](http://www.giving.umaryland.edu).

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## Assistant Dean of the School of Social Work Dies

ROSALIA SCALIA

Julee Kryder-Coe, MSW, assistant dean for Continuing Professional Education at the School of Social Work, died on Dec. 31, 2003, after a 2-year battle with uterine cancer.

Assistant dean at the School since 1992, Kryder-Coe directed the continuing professional education (CPE) program for social workers and other human service professionals in Maryland and the region, a program that served more than 3,000 annually.

“Julee sought out top-notch, nationally recognized experts in the field to present new perspectives and cutting-edge practice tools,” says Patricia Boland, MSW, acting director of the CPE program. “Her goal was to provide professionals with a renewed sense of purpose and with new skills to implement in their daily practice settings. Julee’s illness never deterred her from her vision for the program.”

Beginning in 1996, Kryder-Coe also served as principal investigator for an HIV prevention and community planning project for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She managed a six-member team, providing consulting to the administration on community planning for AIDS prevention.

Kryder-Coe developed strategies to expand the community planning for AIDS prevention to the state’s five regions, provided technical assistance to the regional planning groups to include and increase citizen participation, and wrote annual prevention plans that were submitted to the



PATRICIA BOLAND

Julee Kryder-Coe

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the continuation of Maryland’s federal funding. “Julee’s consultation work with the AIDS Administration was instrumental in securing Maryland’s continued federal funding for HIV-prevention planning,” says Jesse J. Harris, PhD, dean of the School of Social Work. “She was an outstanding contributor to the profession and

was widely admired and respected by her colleagues.”

Kryder-Coe, 55, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., relocated to the Baltimore area in 1977 to attend the University’s School of Social Work, where she earned a master’s degree in 1979 in the School’s community organizing and social policy track.

An avid traveler and outdoorswoman, Kryder-Coe rode horses, hiked the Maryland portion of the Appalachian Trail, and traveled to many of the U.S. National Parks with her family. She participated in a local singing group and attended the Augusta Heritage Center vocal week in August 2002. Kryder-Coe was politically active throughout her career and participated in the Peace Path on Charles Street and peace rallies in Washington, D.C., last year.

Kryder-Coe is survived by her husband John C. Coe, children Kirsten Kryder Coe and Justin Lauritsen Coe, son-in-law Deon Mouton, mother Margaret Price Kryder, and brothers, Chris Kryder, MD, of Boston, and Ralph Kryder of Houston.

## Governor Commends SON Wellmobile



RICK LIPPENHOLZ

David and Marla Oros with Gov. Ehrlich and School of Nursing Dean Janet Allan.

ROSALIA SCALIA

In Fiscal Year 2003, nearly 7,000 children and adults in Maryland received services from the School of Nursing’s four mobile health clinics, the Wellmobiles. In recognition of this contribution to the health of Marylanders, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich recently visited a Wellmobile site in Adelphi, Md. Ehrlich commended the School’s Wellmobile staff for providing health care services to non- and underinsured children and adults throughout the state.

The governor also honored David and Marla Oros, MS, RN, associate dean for clinical and external affairs at the School of Nursing, with a citation for their generous support of the program. David Oros, CEO of Aether Systems, is the current chair of the School’s board of visitors. Donating more than \$1 million to the program over the past 3 years, the Oros have contributed \$300,000 annually through a foundation they launched called Connect Maryland, a nonprofit organization that pools the

resources and talents of Maryland entrepreneurs to support children’s social issues.

The Oros said they will continue their donation annually as long as the state provides its matching commitment. “They understand the importance of the Wellmobile program and the services it provides Marylanders in need. Their generous gift will strengthen an invaluable program,” Ehrlich said. “I offer them my thanks and admiration.”

Ehrlich announced that the state plans to make a \$495,000 investment in the program over the next 2 fiscal years. This will be in the form of a grant for \$295,000 to Connect Maryland to match the Oros’ gift and \$200,000 to the University for the Wellmobile program.

Launched 10 years ago by the School of Nursing, the clinics are staffed by the School’s nurse practitioner faculty and students. The Wellmobiles traverse the state to deliver health care services such as ear, nose, and throat exams; asthma assessments; and immunizations to the state’s non- and underinsured citizens.

Nurse practitioners, bilingual outreach workers, and nursing students staff the Wellmobiles. Clinics are equipped with two examination rooms, an intake and education area, and a laboratory. In addition, the staff provide health education programs, smoking cessation and drug abuse prevention programs, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, follow-up care, and referrals.

## Law School Commemorates *Brown v. Board of Education*

JUDY HEIGER

The School of Law is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the landmark desegregation decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, with a series of programs.

The series, “Maryland and the Road to Brown,” began in November 2003, and will continue throughout this semester.

*Brown v. Board of Education* successfully challenged the “separate but equal” doctrine of racial segregation in American public schools. On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court struck down the separate but equal doctrine as unconstitutional when applied to public schools.

“It’s important for people to understand that Brown was not a moment, but a process that took decades,” says Sherrilyn Ifill, JD, an associate professor in the School of Law and one of the programs’ central organizers. In the court system, the path that led to the Brown decision began in Maryland with the *Murray v. Pearson* case in 1935.

Donald Gaines Murray, an African-American who had been rejected by the School of Law on the basis of race, successfully challenged the School’s decision in court. Civil rights activists Charles Houston, the special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall argued Murray’s

case. Their legal victory marked the first success of the NAACP’s desegregation campaign, which culminated nearly 20 years later in *Brown*.

The first program, “The Road to Brown I: *Pearson v. Murray*: The Test Case: Baltimore in the 30s and the Admission of Donald Murray to the Law School” took place in November, 2003. The day involved a panel discussion by scholars of the civil rights movement and a keynote lecture for the series given by U.S. District Judge Robert L. Carter, who worked on every phase of the litigation in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The second program, “The Road to Brown II: From Murray to Brown—How Equal is Separate?” was held in January 2004. Larry S. Gibson, LLB, a professor in the School of Law, gave a lecture and slide presentation about four controversies in Maryland between 1936 and 1951 that tested the practical application of the separate but equal doctrine.

Four additional events, including a three-day-long conference at the end of April, are planned for the spring semester to complete the Brown program series (see box below).

“These programs are important because they help educate us about the role that Maryland, its people, and its institutions played in paving the road to Brown,” says Ifill.

### School of Law *Brown v. Board of Education* Events

**February 17:** “The Road to Brown III: *Brown v. Board* Litigation.” 5:30–7 p.m. University of Baltimore School of Law. Jose Anderson, JD, a professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law and director of the Stephen L. Snyder Center for Litigation Skills, will lead this session examining the Brown litigation.

**March 9:** “The Road to Brown IV: Roadblocks and Resistance.” 6:15–7:45 p.m. School of Law. Sherrilyn Ifill, JD, an associate professor in the School of Law, will focus on the opposition to desegregation that took place just after the Brown decision, as well as how the resistance was met.

**April 29–May 1:** A conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Brown decision, jointly sponsored by the School of Law, Coppin State College, and Morgan State University.

The events of April 29 will take place at Coppin, the events of April 30 will take place at the School of Law, and the events of May 1 will take place at Morgan.

The conference will examine the history of Brown, how the decision was experienced, how it should be taught in public schools today, and the future of integrated public education in Maryland.

**May 3:** A dramatic interpretation of the arguments in *Brown v. Board of Education* will take place at Center Stage in Baltimore. The event is free, but tickets must be reserved.

The events in the program are free and open to the public. Preregistration is not required, with the exception of the May 3 event. For more information, visit [www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/brown.asp](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/brown.asp) or contact LuAnn Marshall at 410-706-4128.

Larry Gibson gave a lecture and slide presentation at the January Brown event. Gibson spoke about four controversies in Maryland that led to the *Brown v. Board of Education* case.



ED FISHEL



# Simulator Gives Birth to Education



Lily Fountain and Idal Tchoundjo with Noelle.

ROSALIA SCALIA

Idal Tchoundjo, a senior in the School of Nursing, attaches a fetal heart monitor to Noelle, a laboring mother. Tchoundjo assesses the position of Noelle’s baby, and notes the location of the head. Hard labor is in progress, and Tchoundjo and Lily Fountain, MS, CNM, maternal and newborn nursing course coordinator, work together throughout the birth. Finally, a baby is born.

Although Noelle may sound like a typical laboring mother, she is actually a maternal and neonatal birthing simulator, a \$3,000 CD-ROM-driven patient-simulation mannequin designed as a teaching aid for nursing students.

“Simulation mannequins allow students to experience clinical episodes in safe environments that provide physical touch and emotional sensations. Students gain hands-on education by assisting with the simulated birth and providing appropriate care to Noelle and her ‘child,’” says Debra Spunt, MS, RN, director of the School’s clinical simulations labs.

Noelle joins SimMan and an array of other life-size simulation models in the

clinical simulation lab. Though the students witness live births as part of their clinical learning, mock births with Noelle enable them to transition from the classroom and textbook work to a live patient care scenario.

Noelle’s labors can last anywhere from 5 minutes to more than 2 hours, depending on the instructor, who can program the mannequin to simulate a variety of birth complications to teach

and test students. Her adjustable womb can expose students to the high-risk procedures and pressures that are a part of labor, delivery, and postpartum care. Outfitted with a dilating cervix and placenta, Noelle has plastic skin and movable limbs.

Noelle also comes equipped with a birthing fetus and a newly born infant, enabling students to learn how to care for mother and baby during and after both complicated and normal births. Student nurses go through a training process that progresses through 17 life-size, realistic models of the cervix, fetuses, and newborns, before tackling a simulated birth with Noelle, according to Fountain.

“Noelle makes it easy to stop and analyze what’s going on, something that doesn’t happen in a live birth,” says Fountain. During the simulated labor, Tchoundjo properly suctions the birthing baby’s nose and mouth so it can breathe more easily and learns about the importance of birthing the placenta.

“Our students get to practice skills until they are comfortable and competent,” says Fountain. “Noelle helps them unlock the mystery of birth.”

# High-Tech Commission Releases Findings

LENA FLEMINGER

The Governor’s Commission on the Development of Advanced Technology Business submitted its final report to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. in January, outlining a strategic plan for stimulating Maryland’s high-tech economy.

After reviewing the commission’s report, the governor pledged his support of its recommendations. “This is not just a report that doesn’t get acted on,” he said. “I promise that within 6 months, the secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development will give me a report card on where we are in respect to accomplishing these recommendations.”

Currently, Maryland is third in the country for the number of biotechnology companies per state, following California and Massachusetts. “This report sets out a roadmap, supported by the governor, to take Maryland from number three to number one for biotechnology,” says President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, who serves on the commission.

The commission’s recommendations include increasing state pension funds in private equity for a limited percentage of the funds’ portfolio; establishing a permanent technology officer for Maryland; soliciting feedback from Maryland business leaders on the state’s regulations and regulatory process; and establishing better working relationships between technology councils in Maryland and the state government.

The commission, which began meeting in May 2003, includes high-ranking members of state universities, venture capitalists, investment bankers, and industry leaders in the state. The goal of the commission was to find new sources of capital to support high-tech initiatives and to review the state’s use of existing resources.

# Legislators Visit School of Medicine

JENNIFER LITCHMAN

A group of Maryland state legislators recently spent a day at the School of Medicine moonlighting as medical students. The legislators were participants in a program called Project Medical Education designed to give elected officials a first-hand look at medical education as the foundation for America’s world-class health care system.

The program is part of a national effort organized by the Association of American Medical Colleges. Events have been held at medical schools around the country since 1998, but this visit marks the School’s first time participating in this legislative education effort.

Project Medical Education gives legislators the chance to experience for themselves what it takes to train the nation’s future physicians, and to learn about the challenges facing medical schools and teaching hospitals in Maryland.

At the day-long program, legislators were admitted to medical school, received white coats, started the 4-year curriculum, received professionalism pins at a student clinician ceremony, learned how to interview patients, had lunch with real medical students, went on rounds to see patient care and research facilities, and participated in a match day ceremony. The day ended with graduation and a reception with



Senator Verna Jones visits the anatomy lab.

residents who are Maryland alumni. “Academic health centers sustain excellence in our nation’s health care system by providing outstanding patient care, performing groundbreaking research, and training the next generation of physicians and scientists,” says Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, vice president for medical affairs for the University and dean of the School of Medicine. “It is important that our legislators see first-hand the contribution this medical school makes to the health and well-being of Maryland’s citizens, as well as to Maryland’s economy.”

# New Director of Major Gifts

LENA FLEMINGER

Marianne Minor joined the University as the director of major gifts last October. Minor comes to the University from Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where she served as the director of development in the major gifts office and was responsible for initiating a program to identify, cultivate, and solicit major gifts to support clinical services.

Before working at the medical center, Minor was the director of development at Sinai Health System in Baltimore. She managed all philanthropic resource development efforts for Sinai Hospital, an acute care hospital, and Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital, a nursing home and specialty hospital.

“Marianne brings broad experience and a proven track record in medical fundraising to the University’s major gifts development team,” says Yolanda Pruitt, senior director of major gifts. “Her accomplishments in working with fund raising colleagues, faculty, and volunteers toward fund raising objectives are equally impressive. Through Marianne, the University will be well-represented to its various constituents.”

# IN THE NEWS

*“When I first arrived here, it seemed to me that Martin Luther King Boulevard symbolically separated the community of West Baltimore from the rest of the city. There was development of the west side, but it stopped at Martin Luther King.”*

President **David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil**, discussed breaking ground on the UMB BioPark in the Poppleton neighborhood of West Baltimore in the Jan. 8 *Baltimore Sun*.

*“I thought the decision in ‘92 was totally political. To me, implants are either safe or unsafe. It can’t be deemed safe in one situation—in reconstruction—and unsafe in augmentation.”*

In an article in the Jan. 12 *Baltimore Sun*, **Sheri Slezak, MD**, an associate professor in the School of Medicine, recalled her testimony in 1992 during FDA hearings regarding silicone-gel breast implants and issues surrounding the FDA’s 11-year-old ban of the sale of those implants for general use.

*“[The government] wants to appear to be giving these people some kind of process. This idea that they would be held indefinitely is not one that is being well-received by the courts.”*

In the Jan. 15 *Washington Post*, **Michael Greenberger, JD**, director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security and a professor in the School of Law, discussed the FBI’s announcement that it may turn to military tribunals in trying suspects from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In the January *Baltimore Jewish Times* **Marla Oros, MS, RN**, associate dean for clinical and external affairs in the School of Nursing, was named one of “Nine Young Jewish Women to Watch.” In a cover story titled “Sisters Act,” the publication spotlighted nine women who have made important contributions to their respective fields.

**Roger Wolf, JD**, a professor in the School of Law who sponsored a roundtable discussion on medical malpractice this fall, is cited in an article in the Jan. 15 *Washington Post* about a rally of physicians pressing state lawmakers to lower the cap on non-economic damages, limit attorneys’ fees, and require that large awards be paid over time.

*“I’ve taken care of cancer patients who’ve thanked me multiple times because I saved them so much money and took care of their pain, all in the same step. To not have opioids, including methadone, available for patients would be a major step back in our ability to care for patients.”*

In the Jan. 7 *Baltimore Sun*, **Joel Kent, MD**, an assistant professor in the School of Medicine and director of the University of Maryland Pain Management Center, discussed his concerns that a recent rise in methadone-related deaths in the state could cause physicians to shy away from prescribing the drug for those in need of relief.

## LAURELS

### SCHOOL OF LAW

**Richard Booth, JD**, professor, coauthored a book, *Fundamentals of Modern Business: A Lawyer's Guide, 2004 Supplement*, with Robert W. Hamilton.

**Michael Pinard, JD**, assistant professor, published an article, "From the Classroom to the Courtroom: Reassessing Fourth Amendment Standards in Public School Searches Involving Law Enforcement Authorities," in the *Arizona Law Review*.

**William Reynolds II, JD**, professor, presented "Supreme Court Developments" at the Maryland Judicial Institute in Annapolis last December.

**Fred Smalkin, JD**, senior judicial fellow and lecturer and senior U.S. district judge, presented "Courtroom Procedure to New FBI Agents" to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., last November.

### SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**Brian M. Berman, MD**, professor, Department of Family Medicine, director, Program in Complementary Medicine, and director, University of Maryland Center for Integrative Medicine, has been awarded a 2-year, \$256,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine to collaborate with other universities to create the Center for Functional Bowel Disorders and Traditional Chinese Medicine.

**The Program in Neuroscience** served as an allied department for the Carnegie Foundation's "Initiative on the Doctorate."

**Alan R. Shuldiner, MD**, professor, departments of medicine and physiology, and his colleagues in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Nutrition, received a 5-year, \$3.4 million National Institutes of Health grant to clone a type 2 diabetes gene on chromosome 1 in the

Old Order Amish.

**Ronald S. Wade**, director, Anatomical Services Division, was elected to the newly established, not for profit Funeral Ethics Organization to serve on its charter board of directors as interim-president.

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Nalini Jairath, PhD, RN**, associate professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, recently completed a 1-year term on the editorial board of *Nursing Research*. Her term on the board has been extended through Dec. 31, 2005.

**Gail Lemaire, PhD, RN, CS-P**, assistant professor, Department of Family and Community Health, and **Keith Plowden, PhD, RN**, assistant professor and department vice-chair, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, were selected to participate in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Leadership for Academic Nursing Program. The yearlong program, supported by the Helene Fuld Health Trust, is designed to develop and enhance leadership skills in new and emerging administrators in baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs.

**Sandra Picot, PhD, RN, FAAN**, associate professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, was selected as chair of the research committee of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for 2003–2005.

**Sally Raphel, MS, APRN, CS-P, FAAN**, clinical instructor, Department of Family and Community Health, was elected vice president of the board of the Mental Health Policy Institute for Leadership and Training. In addition, she served on the validation panel for the NONPF Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Competencies, released last September.

**Elias Vasquez, PhD, NNP, PNP, FAAN**, assistant professor, Department of Family

and Community Health, was invited to serve on the editorial board for the *Hispanic Health Care International Journal* and to participate, as a member of a group of nationally known health experts, in the 2004 Crossing the Quality Chasm Summit sponsored by the Institute of Medicine. In addition, he was elected as a member of the Fellow Selection Committee of the American Academy of Nursing.

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

**Aminifu R. Harvey, MSW**, associate professor, presented a workshop, "Use of Self in Working with Clients," for Montgomery County's Conference on Cultural Competency at the University of Maryland's Shady Grove Campus last December.

**Dale A. Masi, DSW**, professor, presented "Employee Assistance Programs: With Particular Relevance to Oil Companies," at the Health Care and Trauma in Remote Locations conference held in Castel Gondolfo, Italy, last December.

**Howard A. Palley, PhD**, professor, will publish "The Federal Judiciary, the Supreme Court, and the Issue of Death with Dignity in the United States: The Interface of Public Law and Bioethics," in the Spring 2004 issue of *International Journal of the Humanities*.

**David Zanis, MSW, PhD**, research associate professor, presented "Efficacy of a Panel Tobacco User Survey to Evaluate Tobacco Control Programs: Understanding the Impact of Tobacco Settlement Funds on Tobacco Use Among Adults in Local Communities," at the National Conference on Tobacco held in Boston in December. Zanis also received a 1-year, \$92,983 grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to evaluate a program for substance abuse treatment and HIV/AIDS services for opiate-dependent, minority populations living in Allentown, Pa.

## Parents' Influence on Children

ROSALIA SCALIA



Jacqueline J. Lloyd

A recent study conducted by Jacqueline J. Lloyd, PhD, a professor in the School of Social Work, found that children in urban neighborhoods

who are consistently monitored and supervised through adolescence by their parents have a better chance of staying out of trouble and away from drugs. Lloyd and coinvestigator James C. Anthony, PhD, a professor at Johns Hopkins, published their findings in the September 2003 *Journal of Urban Health*.

"I was interested in researching the social risk factors associated with youth drug use and other high risk behaviors," says Lloyd. "Our research focused on children's affiliation with deviant peers and on parental monitoring and supervision, which have been identified as two key determinants of early onset drug use and maladaptive behaviors in adolescence."

Lloyd and Anthony followed a pool of predominantly African-American students attending a single urban school system for 5 years, beginning at ages eight and nine and ending at ages 13 and 14. They found that children who were more strictly supervised and monitored from a young age by parents were less likely to socialize with delinquent and drug-using peers, even when living in a high-risk urban environment.

"These findings are important because they illustrate the importance of parents in shaping children's and adolescents' behavior," says Lloyd.

## School of Medicine Receives Health Care Disparities Grant

LARRY ROBERTS

The School of Medicine has received a 4-year, \$4.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish the Comprehensive Center for Health Disparities Research, Training, and Outreach. In collaboration with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), the center will work to understand and reduce health care disparities in the state's underserved communities.

The center will foster research on racial and ethnic disparities in the treatment of mental illness, kidney and eye disease, and cancer. "We believe an intensive and integrated program of disparities research and community outreach will reduce illness and death rates in underserved communities," says Claudia R. Baquet, MD, MPH, associate dean for policy and planning at the School and the center's director.

"We are committed to improving the quality and equality of health care," says Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, vice president for medical affairs for the University, dean of the School of Medicine, and the grant's principal investigator. "The Center for Health Disparities Research will serve as the foundation for a wide range of programs and initiatives to address this important health care issue," says Wilson.

## Kudos for Kerr

MIKE LURIE

David A. Knapp, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy, recently named Robert A. Kerr, PharmD, the recipient of the School's Distinguished Educator Award. The award recognizes full-time faculty who have demonstrated sustained excellence in teaching and scholarship. Kerr also was recently elected president of the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AAPC), the national organization representing the interests of pharmaceutical education and educators.

A member of the faculty since 1971, Kerr's primary academic interests are in the areas of curriculum design and evaluation, assessment of how private-sector training affects the behavior of practicing pharmacists, and performance-based learning.

"Dr. Kerr brings his considerable experience to the classroom in a remarkably effective way," says Knapp. "He relates equally well to first-year students and to pharmacists who have practiced for years. He is a mentor to young faculty and a valuable counsel to senior faculty."

"I am extremely gratified that both this honor and my election as AAPC president reflect the respect of my peers, both locally and nationally," says Kerr.

Early in his career, Kerr provided leadership in developing and implementing several new courses and teaching methods as the School began to incorporate clinical education in its teaching regimen. A highlight of Kerr's 32-year career at the School was his leadership role in developing the graduate PharmD program.

In his address at the AAPC convention in Minneapolis last summer after being elected president, Kerr called on the academic community of pharmacists to function more like a successful organization, with a clear mission and goals. He also called upon pharmacy academia to tackle the challenges it faces in education with the same problem-oriented, evidence-based approach that

community pharmacists use in their practices.

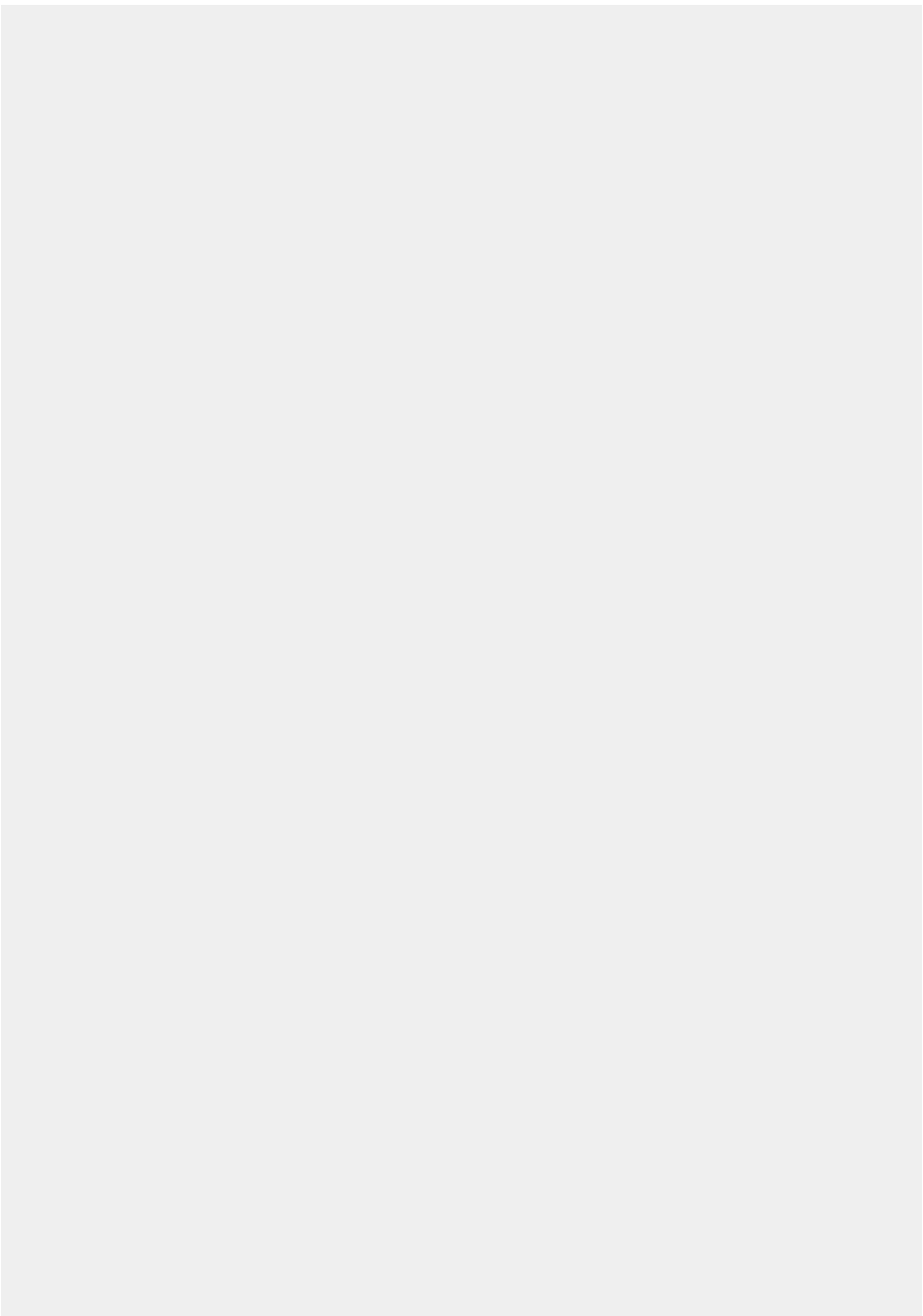
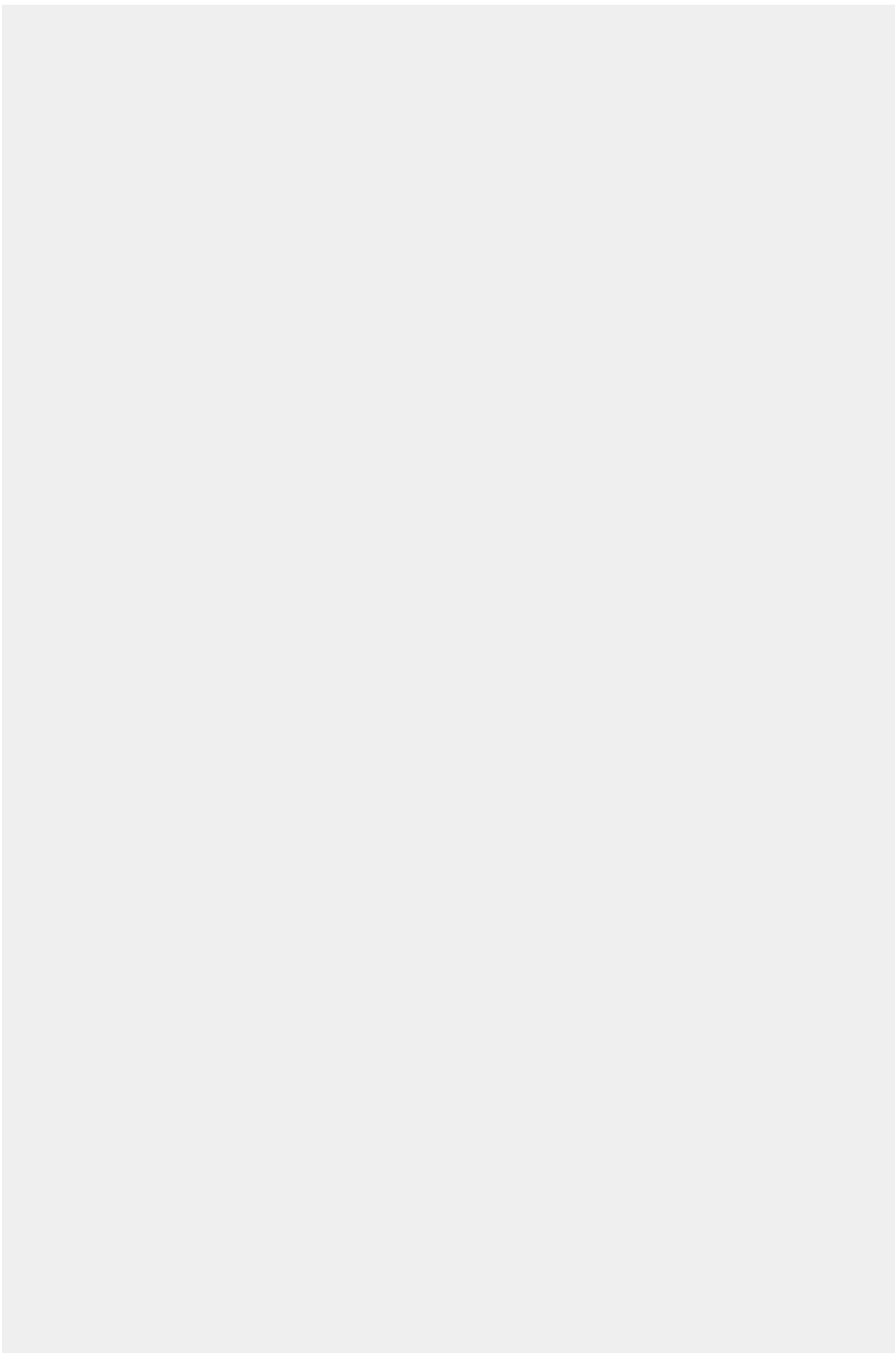
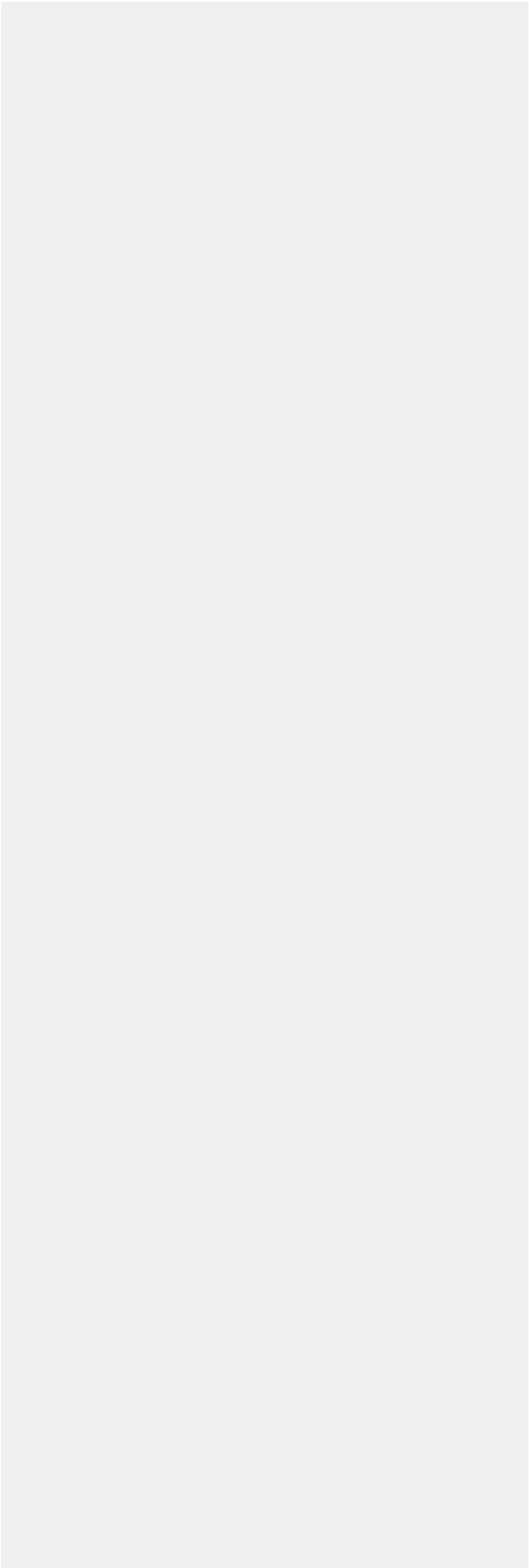
"Dr. Kerr was a student and pioneer during a time that was a turning point for the practice of pharmacy—the point at which clinical pharmacy was born. So, he matured as a professional energized by educational programs that prepared pharmacists to really take care of patients," says Lucinda Maine, PhD, executive vice president of the AAPC's board of directors. "He hasn't lost that enthusiasm across almost three decades of teaching and program development."

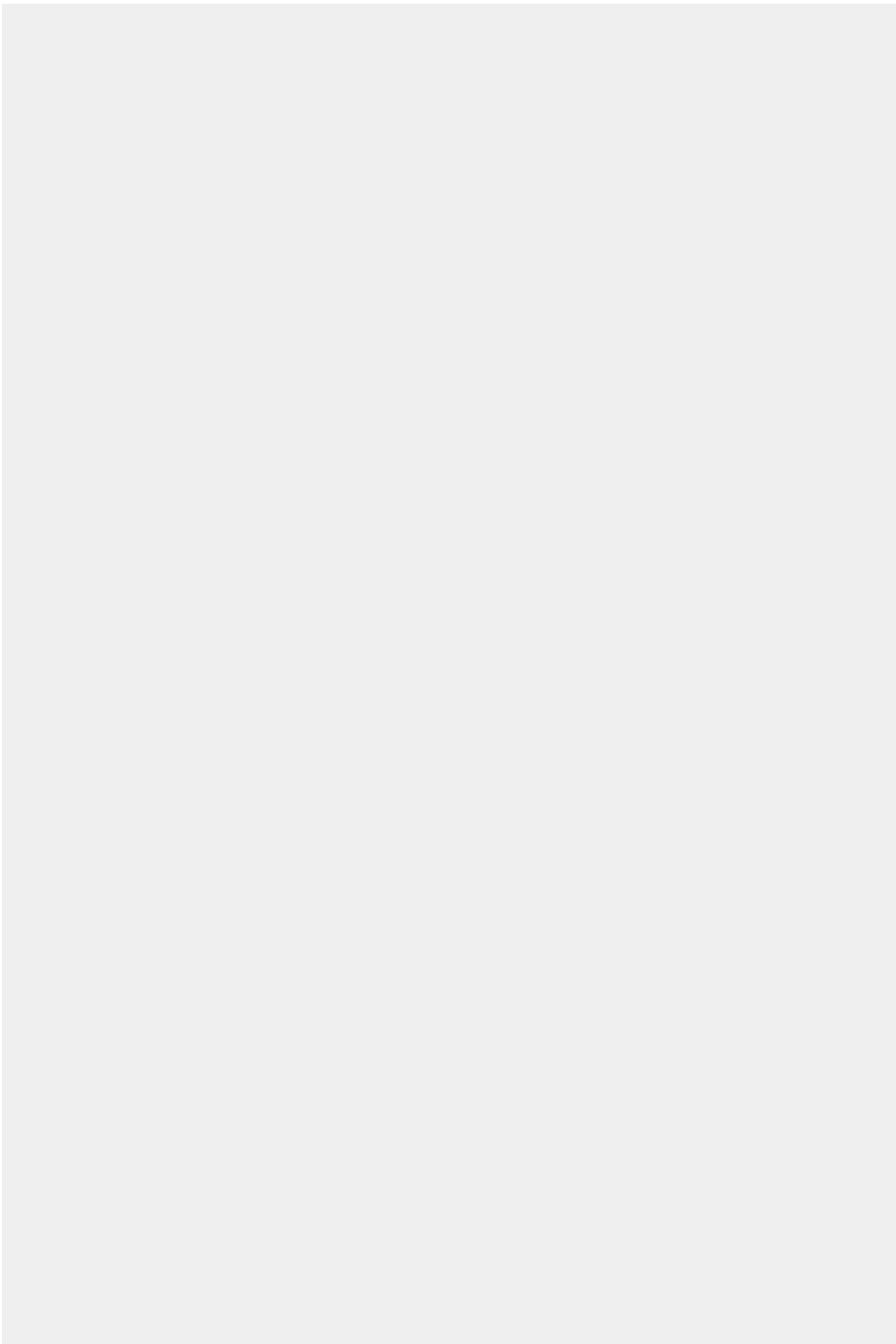
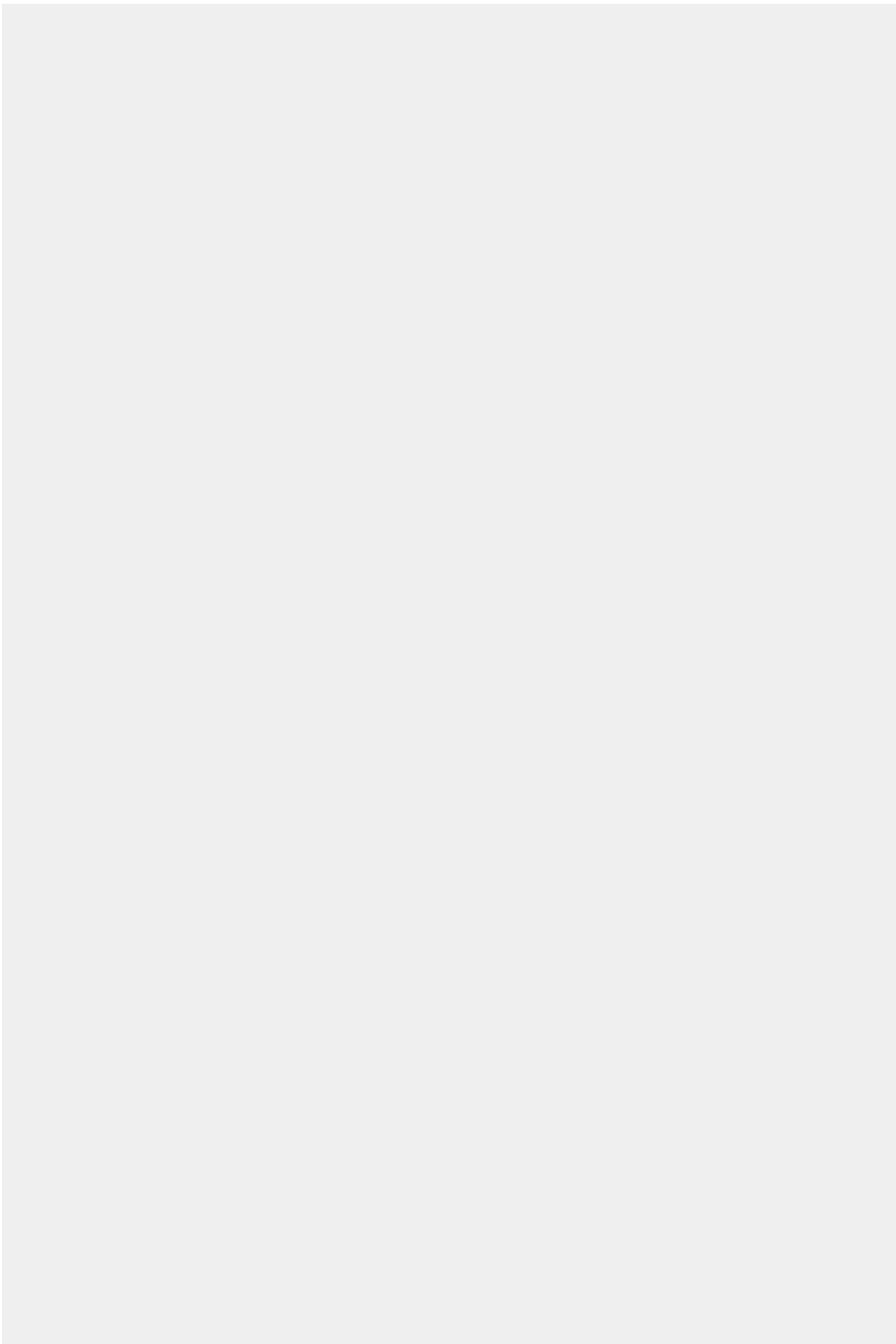
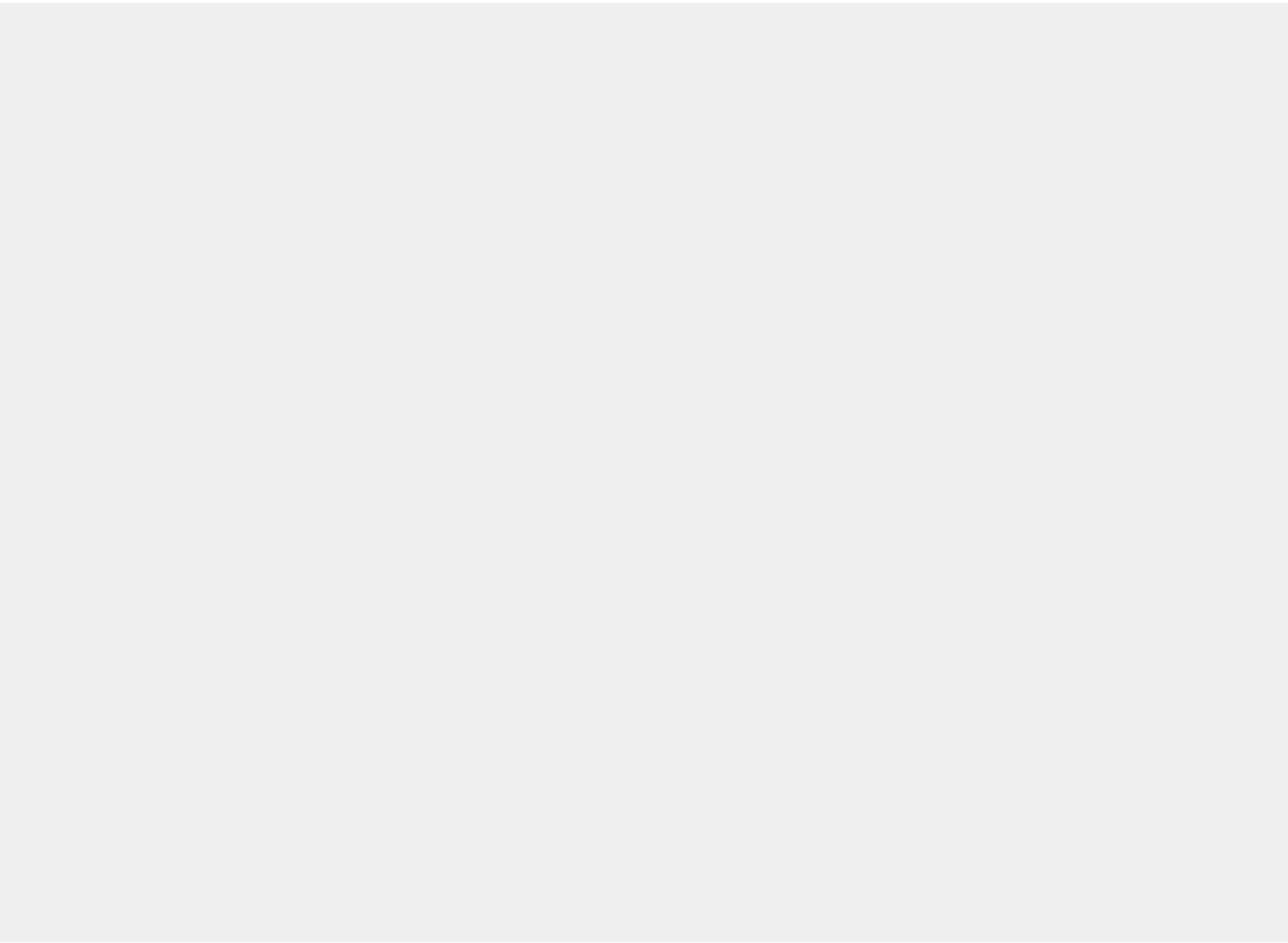
Continues Maine, "Dr. Kerr is a strong believer that academicians have a responsibility to lead change and make the right things happen both in education and in practice."



Robert A. Kerr







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UMB Advocacy  
Getting Involved

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**Advocacy in Annapolis**  
The campus community will participate in a number of advocacy efforts during the legislative session. On the following dates, UMB faculty, staff, and students will travel to Annapolis as part of this effort.

**Feb. 17:** Nurses’ Night in Annapolis with the Maryland Nurses Association. For more information, contact Michelle Mays, president of NSGA, at [meeshb@cleanweb.net](mailto:meeshb@cleanweb.net).

**Feb. 19:** Pharmacy Day with the Maryland Pharmacy Coalition. For more information, contact Cynthia Boyle, PharmD, director of the Office of Continuation Studies in the School of Pharmacy at 6-1495.

**Feb. 23:** Council of University System Faculty-Student Research Day.

**Call for Abstracts—Aging and Women’s Health Poster Day**  
The Center for Research on Aging and the Women’s Health Research Group (WHRG) are sponsoring the Third Annual Poster Day on Thursday, March 18, 2004, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at Westminster Hall.

Basic science and clinical/behavioral research projects in aging and women’s health are eligible to compete for first place and honorable mention awards.

The abstract submission deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 2004. Electronic submissions can be made through the WHRG Web site, <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/womenshealth/whrg/Regformpd04.html> or e-mail attachments to [bbberman@grecc.umaryland.edu](mailto:bbberman@grecc.umaryland.edu). For more information, call 410-605-7000, ext. 5405.

**Periodontal Disease Study**  
The Center for Clinical Studies at the Dental School is conducting a 6-month mouth rinse study for the treatment of periodontal disease. If qualified, all subjects will receive free root plane and scaling, cleanings, and study materials during the study. Subjects will be compensated for

their time, participation, and parking. For more information, call 6-5630.

**HS/HSL News**  
**New Library Liaisons**  
The library has recently filled two open positions for information specialists/library liaisons. Tierney Lyons, MLIS, will serve as the liaison to the School of Medicine, and Chris Miller, MLS, will serve as the liaison to the School of Social Work.

Each of the University’s schools has one dedicated liaison, and the schools of medicine and nursing have two. Library liaisons provide class-related instruction and orientation sessions; share information on library programs, resources, and services; support teaching; assist with clinical and research needs; assist with collection development for individual schools; and evaluate Web pages and compile Web resources.

For contact information for any of the library liaisons, please visit the HS/HSL Web site at [www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/services/liaisons.html](http://www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/services/liaisons.html).

**New Subject Web Sites**  
The HS/HSL has developed two new Web sites by subject pages. The *Human Sexuality Resources* Web page covers resources primarily from the United States on the many facets of human sexuality. This resource will be especially useful to health care and social services providers, educators, and policymakers.

The *Copyright, Fair Use and TEACH Act* Web page was created to provide information on copyright for print and digital sources and the use of copyrighted material for teaching and research. This site will be useful to faculty, staff, and students conducting research.

To access these subject pages, or any of the library’s electronic resources, go to the library’s Web site at [www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/main.html](http://www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/main.html) and select the *E-Resources* link.

**Wireless Access**  
Wireless access to the World Wide Web is now available on all floors of the HS/HSL. To use the library’s wireless access, your laptop must have a wireless card installed. A properly installed wireless card will automatically locate the wireless connection. No special configuration is required. For assistance, please visit the Commons Computing Assistance Desk located on the first floor of the library, or call 6-7328.

**CPR Classes**  
The Dental School CPR Training Center will offer renewal classes on Feb. 17 and 25, and March 2 and 19, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the GPA Clinic on the first floor of Hayden-Harris Hall. A class will also be held on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the same location. Preregistration and payment of \$45 are required. Call 6-3622 for a form and schedule.

University Rising  
to MBE Challenge

ROSALIA SCALIA

In 2002, the state legislature increased Maryland’s Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation procurement goal from 14 percent to 25 percent for all purchasing activities made by state agencies for Fiscal Year 2003 and beyond. The change was made after a comprehensive study of state agencies’ spending patterns by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). The study found an underutilization of MBE firms, which include socioeconomically disadvantaged businesses owned by African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, people with disabilities, and sheltered workshops.

UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, issued a letter in 2002 to the campus community regarding MBE participation. “The new MBE participation goals are campus goals,” he wrote. “And as such, the responsibility of meeting them belongs to all of us.”

Procurement Services reports that UMB achieved nearly 19 percent in the usage of MBE firms for FY03, and is ranked third among all University System of Maryland institutions in meeting the 25 percent goal.

“This number is what we were expecting at this time,” says Valerie Rolandelli, director of facilities and specialty contracts in the procurement office. “The University has long embraced a strong commitment to ensuring that MBE firms participate fully in the procurement process. We’ve consistently met and exceeded our MBE goals in years past. The new goal was a jump of 11 percent, and we’re making every effort to achieve it.”

As part of this effort, Procurement Services has made MBE participation part of its strategic plan, according to Joseph Evans, director of general procurement at the University.

In their effort to meet the challenge in FY04, Procurement Services formed staff groups that focus on the necessary steps to the University’s achieving the 25 percent goal. The groups’ work includes contacting non-certified minority firms to encourage them to apply for MBE certification, and conducting training classes with UMB employees on MBE procurement policies and procedures. Procurement Services also hopes to host an MBE fair in the spring so that University officials can meet with MBE vendors.

A searchable list of certified minority vendors is available on MDOT’s Web site, [www.mdot.state.md.us/mbe\\_program](http://www.mdot.state.md.us/mbe_program). For more information on the University’s MBE program, call 6-5122.

UMB Annual  
Book Drive

LENA FLEMINGER

The University’s annual book drive is coming to a close. The drive, which runs from April to March of the following year, collects books for children from low-income, high-risk areas in Baltimore.

This year, the books will be donated to Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School on Preston Street.

Supplying children with books is a key to academic success, according to Carolyn Pritchett, a debt management counselor at the University and a member of the Dr. Seuss Committee, which distributes the books donated by the University community. The committee also hosts Dr. Seuss Day, an event for children that emphasizes the importance of reading, and commemorates the birthday of noted children’s author Theodor Geisel, known as Dr. Seuss.

This year’s Dr. Seuss Day will be held on March 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the HS/HSL.

“The children at Coleridge come from homes where there may not be extra money for buying books, which makes having them at school even more important,” says Pritchett. “Book donations will fill the school’s shelves and give these children vital learning tools.”

Books can be dropped off in book drive donation barrels in the lobby of the Student Union until March 12. For more information on donating books, or participating in Dr. Seuss Day, contact Carolyn Pritchett at [cpritch@umaryland.edu](mailto:cpritch@umaryland.edu) or 6-4450.

Weiss Smith Named ISPE Fellow



COURTESY OF SHEILA SMITH  
Sheila Weiss Smith

MIKE LURIE

Sheila Weiss Smith, PhD, an associate professor in the School of Pharmacy, recently was appointed a fellow in the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE). Pharmacoepidemiology is the study of the safe and appropriate use of drugs and medical products in large numbers of people.

The designation as a fellow of ISPE recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to the field of pharmacoepidemiology through scholarship, leadership, or service to the society.

Smith’s fellowship became official during last year’s ISPE conference in Philadelphia. “The occasion was thrilling because I was recognized along with other inaugural fellows who are considered

pioneers of pharmacoepidemiology. These are people whom I really admire,” Smith says. Among the honorees was Brian Strom, PhD, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and author of the influential textbook, *Pharmacoepidemiology*.

Pharmacoepidemiology is a small and relatively new specialty within epidemiology. So, when 700 pharmacoepidemiology researchers from around the world get together at their annual meeting, “it’s refreshing to be reminded that we are not alone,” says Smith.

According to Smith, it often is very complicated to prove that a drug is the exclusive cause of an adverse reaction. Many such reactions are rare, less than one in 10,000, and may be difficult to separate from the underlying condition that the drug is treating.

CALENDAR

**Feb. 19:** “Linking the Two Ends of Life: What Gerontology Can Learn from Childhood Studies.” Part of the School of Social Work’s gerontology lecture series. 4–5 p.m. UMBC Kuhn Library, 7th floor. Lecture features Richard Settersten, PhD, an associate professor in sociology at Case Western Reserve University and co-director of Case Western’s Schubert Center for Child Development.

**Feb. 20:** “Conducting Clinical Research: Foundations of Good Clinical Practice.” A lecture for all clinical research staff. 8:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m. HSF II, 20 Penn St., Lecture Hall, Room S130. Preregistration and fee required. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For information and registration, contact the Center for Clinical Trials at 6-2328 or [cct@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:cct@som.umaryland.edu). This workshop will be repeated on May 14, Aug. 20, and Nov. 12.

**Feb. 24:** “Grant Funding: Understanding the Opportunities.” A lecture for graduate students, professors, and researchers. 8:30–10 a.m. Continental breakfast served at 8 a.m. Student Union, Terrace Lounge. Lecture features Howard Dickler, MD, associate dean for research and graduate studies, School of Medicine. For more information, contact Mary Fish, graduate programs services coordinator, at 6-8323 or [mfish@umaryland.edu](mailto:mfish@umaryland.edu).

**Feb. 24:** Paul A. Pumpian Lecture. “Models for Regional Cooperation In Drug Regulation.” 11 a.m. School of Pharmacy, Room 101. Lecture features Justina Molzon, MS, JD, associate director for international programs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**Feb. 24:** Clinical Research Staff Monthly Networking Meeting. “Environmental Health and Safety Update.” 2–3 p.m. Student Union, Terrace Lounge. Lecture features Patrick Wolf, BS, assistant director

of environmental health and safety. Preregistration not required. Open to all research staff. Light refreshments will be served. For information, contact the Center for Clinical Trials at 6-2328 or [cct@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:cct@som.umaryland.edu).

**Feb. 25:** Leadership in Public Service Program with guest speaker Dennis Archer, the first African-American president of the American Bar Association. 12:30–1:30 p.m. in the Ceremonial Court Room at the School of Law. Free and open to the public. Space may be limited, so preregistration is requested. For more information, contact Teresa Schmiedeler at 6-2080.

**Feb. 25:** School of Medicine Council Meeting. 3–4 p.m. John M. Dennis Auditorium, 2nd floor, VA Medical Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jean Hinton at 6-7410.

**Feb. 26:** Lecture on the German Constitutional Court. Reception at 5 p.m., lecture at 5:30. Krongard Board Room, Room 106, School of Law. Lecture features Dieter Grimm, LL.M, PhD, professor of law at Humboldt University and rector of the Institute for Advanced Study, both in Berlin, and former justice of the German Constitutional Court. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Peter Quint, LL.B, a professor in the School of Law, at 6-7234.

**March 3:** U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. 12–2 p.m. School of Law Ceremonial Court Room. Free and open to the public, with limited seating. For more information, contact Susan Hankin, JD, MPH, an associate professor in the School of Law, at 6-7737.

**March 8:** Annual Lisansky Lecture. 11 a.m.–12 p.m. School of Social Work auditorium. Lecture features Marilyn Albert, PhD, professor of neurology and

director of the Division of Cognitive Neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, speaking about early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s.

**March 9:** Andrew G. DuMez Memorial Lecture. 11 a.m. School of Nursing Auditorium. Lecture features Michael R. Cohen, RPh, MS, ScD, president of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices.

**March 9:** “Good Clinical Research Practice for Investigators.” 3–5 p.m. HSF-II, 20 Penn St., Lecture Hall, Room S130. Lecture features John Farley, MD, MPH, director of the Center for Clinical Trials. Program is free, CME-certified, and repeated bimonthly. Next lecture is May 10. For more information, contact the Human Research Protections Office at 6-5037.

**March 10:** Clinical Research Staff Monthly Networking Meeting. “Integrated Research Information System.” 2–3 p.m. Student Union, Terrace Lounge. Lecture features Mark Pohl, director of the Bioinformatics Core at the University’s General Clinical Research Center. Open to all research staff. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Center for Clinical Trials at 6-2328 or [cct@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:cct@som.umaryland.edu).

**March 17:** Myerowitz Moot Court Competition. 12–2 p.m. School of Law Ceremonial Court Room. Free and open to the public, with limited seating. For more information, contact Susan Hankin, JD, MPH, director of legal writing and an associate professor in the School of Law, at 6-7737.

**March 18:** Third Annual Aging and Women’s Health Poster Day. 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Westminster Hall. Posters will be presented and judged from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Keynote address at 11:30 a.m by Susan Levkoff, PhD, associate professor, Department of Psychiatry, Brigham and

Women’s Hospital in Boston. Awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Open to all UMB and UMBC faculty, students, and staff. For more information, contact Bonnie Berman at 410-605-7000, ext. 5405 or [bberman@grecc.umaryland.edu](mailto:bberman@grecc.umaryland.edu).

**March 18–19:** New Research Coordinator Training Course. 8:15 a.m.–4 p.m. HSF-II, 20 Penn St., Lecture Hall, Room. S130. A program designed for research nurses, coordinators, and assistants who are new to research or to the University. Preregistration and fee required. For information and registration, contact the Center for Clinical Trials at 6-2328 or [cct@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:cct@som.umaryland.edu). This workshop will be repeated on June 10–11, Sept. 16–17, and Dec. 9–10.

Women’s History Month

LENA FLEMINGER

The University will observe Women’s History Month with a series of four brown bag lunches in March. Building on the popularity of last year, the theme is once again “Strengthen Your Mind, Body, Soul, and Wallet.”

The programs are free and open to the campus community, but seating is limited and registration is required. All events are held at the Student Union in the Terrace Lounge. Beverages and desserts will be provided. For more information and to register, e-mail [events@umaryland.edu](mailto:events@umaryland.edu).

**March 1:** Mind: Planning Your Financial Future for Piece of Mind. Back by popular demand is Beth C. Rosenwald, vice president of investments, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc. 12–1 p.m.

**March 8:** Body: Women’s Self Defense, a mini course in RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) with Corporal William C. Griffin of the UMB Police. 12–1 p.m.

**March 15:** Soul: Seated massage with certified massage therapists. 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Massages are given in 15-minute sessions. To schedule a massage, contact Lisa Kim at 6-8669.

**March 29:** Wallet: Car Repair 101 with Vickie Davis, manager of R and B Auto Repairs. Learn the difference between a bottle cap and distributor cap with Davis, who has developed sound pointers for women about car repair. 12–1 p.m.

Goings On at the Dental Museum

KRISTIN FOSTER

The Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, at 31 South Greene St., will present its popular annual family program in celebration of George Washington’s birthday on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. Audiences will enjoy the highly interactive performance, “Coming of Age Along the Potomac,” presented by American Historical Theatre actor Dean Malissa. Performances are being held at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Families will engage in many activities, including dressing in colonial tri-cornered hats, visiting an old-fashioned colonial play station, participating in scavenger hunts, listening to 18th Century period music, and touring the museum’s galleries and special exhibitions. Refreshments include “I cannot tell a lie” cherry pie and cherry soda. Visitors will tour the George Washington Gallery, which holds an original set of Washington’s dentures.



Children discovering the wonders of George Washington’s past at the National Museum of Dentistry.

The gallery provides an opportunity for guests to explore the first president’s dental history as it relates to his political and social life. Admission price is \$3 per person, and children six and under are free. In February, the museum is also celebrating National Children’s Dental Health Month. The American Dental Association sponsors this annual event, a month-long nationwide program that promotes healthy smiles in children.

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